



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Public Notice

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The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Federal Clean Water Act. The Administrator has received an application for a new National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit, #NV0024031, from the following applicant:

Truckee Meadows Water Authority

P.O. Box 30013

Reno, NV 89520

Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) owns and operates a system of drinking water treatment and supply facilities in Washoe County, Nevada, including two water treatment plants, groundwater wells, storage reservoirs and tanks, pumping stations, pressure regulating stations and water mains. In the interest of protecting public health and safety by providing safe drinking water and fire protection water, TMWA performs routine and non-routine maintenance and operational activities that result in the discharge to waters of the State. The discharges are pertinent to all operations, maintenance and emergency activities performed by TMWA throughout the water systems it owns and operates. The total maximum daily flow from all system-wide discharges will be permitted at less than 35 million gallons per day, but discharge rates will vary greatly depending on the operational and maintenance requirements.

Based on a review of the NPDES permit application, the Division has made the tentative determination to issue the NPDES permit for a period of five (5) years.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control should submit their comments or request, in writing or by Fax, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, by **5:00 P.M. on August 23, 2011**, either in person or by mail to:

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection

Bureau of Water Pollution Control

901 S. Stewart St., Ste. 4001

Carson City, NV 89701

Comments and/or hearing requests received via facsimile or e-mail before **5:00 P.M. August 23, 2011** will also be accepted. All requests for hearings must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reason(s) why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day comment period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed

permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. The public notice of such hearings will be issued not less than thirty days prior to the public hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied, or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling Jeryl Gardner of the Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9423, or at jgardner@ndep.nv.gov, or FAX (775) 687-4684. Copies of the Fact Sheet and Public Notice may be viewed or printed from the NDEP website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.